

to the State Elections Commission in order to conduct a voter education campaign and a plebiscite which would include all constitutionally viable status options. This action taken by the President of the United States demonstrates that the plebiscite designed by the preceding government administration lacks all legitimacy or credibility before the government of the United States of America.

In light of the history of the imposed and exclusionary plebiscites held in Puerto Rico, that only attest to our people's division with regard to this issue, it is necessary to inform the President and the Congress of the United States about the true results of the plebiscite held on November 6, 2012.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE
ASSEMBLY OF PUERTO RICO:

Section I.—To inform the President and the Congress of the United States on the results of the plebiscite held on November 6, 2012, and support the request of the President of the United States of America for Congress to appropriate \$2.5 million for the State Elections Commission of Puerto Rico for a congressionally-sponsored plebiscite after conducting the appropriate voter education campaign, which incorporates all options, including the enhanced Commonwealth, based on the principles of fairness and equality; to authorize the disbursement of funds; and for other purposes.

Section 2.—The results of the 2012 plebiscite were the following: in the first question, which asked voters whether or not Puerto Rico should continue to have its current form of political status, the "NO" option received fifty-three point nine percent (53.9%) of the votes cast, whereas the "YES" option received forty-six percent (46%). The results of the second question, which asked voters to choose from the options that did not include the current status, were the following: the statehood option received forty-four point four percent (44.4%) of the votes cast (834,191); the "sovereign free associated state" received twenty-four point three percent (24.3%) of the votes cast (454,768); the independence option received four percent (4%) of the votes cast (74,895), and blank ballots accounted for twenty-six point five percent (26.5%) of the votes cast (498,604).

Section 3.—The foregoing shows that the representations made before the United States Congress stating that the statehood option was favored by the majority of Puerto Ricans, does not accurately reflect the results of the plebiscite on Puerto Rico's status held on November 6, 2012.

Section 4.—A copy of this Concurrent Resolution shall be delivered to the President, the Vice President, and the Secretary of State of the United States, to all the Members of the 113th United States Congress, as well as to all pertinent government and non-governmental organizations, human rights organizations, and the local, national, and international media, among others.

Section 5.—A certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution shall be translated into English and delivered by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico to the members of the United States Congress.

Section 6.—This Concurrent Resolution shall take effect immediately after its approval.

In witness whereof we hereunto sign and affix the Seal of the Senate and the House of Representatives of Puerto Rico. Issued this Tuesday, 14th of May of 2013, at our offices at the Capitol Building, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

THE DEEPEST OF THE DEEP IN
HONOR OF AN AMERICAN HERO
SSG TRAVIS MILLS BRAVO
TROOP 4/73 CAVALRY 82ND AIR-
BORNE THE UNITED STATES
ARMY

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2013

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor to recognize SSG Travis Mills of Bravo Troop 4/73 Cavalry 82nd Airborne, of The United States Army. An American hero if ever there was one. On April 10, 2012, while out on patrol with his troops in Mialand Province Afghanistan he almost lost his life during an IED explosion. Travis is the fourth Wounded Warrior to lose all of his limbs. He is known for leading his men in combat, where they go he goes! And since arriving at Walter Reed Hospital, he has inspired all of his fellow wounded warriors, spending many hours up on the ward and throughout the complex leading them to recovery. His can do attitude and great sense of humor makes you proud to be an American. Any parent would be proud to call him his or her son. Also his wonderful wife Kelsey, who adds new meaning to that song "Stand by your man". And their beautiful child Chloe, have given Travis so much to live for! I submit this poem penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

THE DEEPEST OF THE DEEP

The . . .
The Deepest . . .
The Deepest of The Deep!
And on that morning Travis when you
awoke . . .
Oh what to you, your fine heart so
spoke . . .
While, lying there without much hope!
As when you so realized,
that this was not a bad dream . . .
and somehow you must so find a way to so
cope!
As the tears rolled down upon your most
courageous face,
as the Angels up in Heaven so too cried and
prayed . . .
and to you so spoke!
As somehow all in that darkness of most evil
war,
Travis you so found the hope!
All with but your most amazing grace,
to somehow to somehow so cope!
And to so accept God's Will,
as the tears ran down your most brilliant
face!
As it was your faith Travis,
that which you so invoked!
As you so came to such a place!
Where only,
but The Deepest of The Deep can so face!
And for all of them BRAVO,
one day heaven so awaits!
That which,
so helped you to wipe all of those tears
away . . .
as you so began your most heroic climb on
that day!
All in what your fine heart and soul,
so had to say!
All in what Travis,
you so gave!
The Deepest of The Deep!
To so fight on,
but to so live another day!
As all around you we'd so weep!
As we so looked upon your most courageous
face,
and into your most beautiful of all eyes so
very deep!

As there we so saw something,
something so very precious and oh so very
sweet!
Something,
that to this day wise men still so seek!
Was but,
The Deepest!
Was But The Deepest of The Deep!
All in what so comes from within ones heart,
that which so heroically so beats!
And all within ones soul,
so very deep!
Is but The Deepest of The Deep!
As it was there Travis,
that you so chose to live or die!
As it was there Travis,
all in that hospital bed as you so lie . . .
As your fine wife so began to cry!
As your family so asked why?
As when,
your soul so took flight!
As you were Airborne,
2nd to none!
To so lift us all up,
and cast your most heroic light!
As once before Travis,
you so stood so tall before us almost like a
God!
As now without arms and legs,
an even greater person we now saw!
As we so began to cry!
Get up or give in,
for only this you could so decide!
As Travis you so dug in deep!
To so become one of,
The Deepest of The Deep!
As somehow Travis you so kept hope alive!
All on your most heroic path,
as you so began your climb!
As soon,
we all so realized . . .
that you were now more than a man!
As this battle you would so win!
Uncommon Courage,
something so very brilliant that can only
come from so deep within!
Is but The Deepest of The Deep My Friends!
As Travis you so chose life,
as all around us you'd so cast your light!
As all for Chloe your most beautiful little
child,
and Kelsey your most devoted loving
wife . . .
As you would take that hill!
As you would so win that fight!
For you Travis,
you are Pure!
Pure Michigan,
for that's so for sure!
As day by day . . .
And night by night!
Upon, this world you would so cast your
light!
As the mountains you would so climb!
For we all have valleys,
into which we may fall!
But, all in that moment of truth . . .
will we so be the ones so standing tall?
To somehow rise up above it all!
And come out of all of that darkness,
to become a true champion and so answer
courage's call!
When against all odd's,
upon our hearts it all so depends!
As you Travis so remind us all,
of that one fine thing!
Of what The Deepest of The Deep Can So
Bring!
But, what so lies all in our such hearts of
courage full!
Would we so be the ones to so find such
strength,
all in such darkness to so stand tall?
All in these our darkest of days of nights,
to so bring such tears to the Angels eyes!
Bravo!
As Travis,
your fine heart went Airborne!

As up in Heaven your valor,
 so too made our Lord cry!
 As you so taught us all,
 that anything is possible when hearts decide!
 Yea Travis,
 you are Pure!
 Pure Michigan,
 and that's for sure!
 As a leader of men,
 who so gallantly marched off to war!
 And came back home,
 and yet to us all gave so much more!
 Whose heart and soul, and body and
 mind . . .
 are but now all of folklore!
 As Travis,
 your courage makes us all so weep!
 As we will follow,
 as you lead!
 As into the future,
 as up with you we will all so try to keep!
 For you are pure Michigan,
 For you are Travis,
 are but The Deepest of The Deep!
 And so is your fine wife Kelsey,
 so very sweet!
 For Travis,
 men like you up in Heaven our Lord shall
 keep!
 And . . .
 And On . . .
 That Morning When You Woke!
 As to you your fine heart so spoke!
 As The Deep . . .
 The Deepest of The Deep!

By Albert Carey Caswell.

IN APPRECIATION OF STAFF
 MEMBER WARREN TRYON

HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2013

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, in Congress, there are some legislative staff professionals who are known for their policy expertise. Others are recognized for their ability to build political alliances and move legislation. Still others are noted for their ability to manage a staff and develop relationships. It is rare to find all of those qualities in a single staff member, but I have been most fortunate to have one in Warren Tryon.

As Warren prepares to leave Capitol Hill after 20 years of public service, I am pleased to have this opportunity to publicly express my gratitude for his advice, loyalty, and friendship. Warren has a keen insight into the inner workings of the House, the movement of legislation, and the way Members think and achieve their goals. The privilege that I was given to serve as Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee would not have happened without the contributions that Warren made to my talented staff team.

Warren joined me in 2000 and his loyal service has spanned some of the most momentous events in our nation's financial sector since the 1930s: 9/11, the accounting scandals at Enron and other major companies, and the financial crisis of 2008 and subsequent legislative response. He performed with distinction as my Deputy Chief of Staff on the Financial Services Committee. Warren's ability to learn about an issue, seek out all opinions, and provide me with his honest opinion served this Congress and our nation well during these stressful times.

Warren can take pride in his role in helping to pass hallmark legislation including federal

deposit insurance reform, the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act, the money laundering provisions in the PATRIOT Act, Check 21, and the JOBS Act.

Warren's personal story is both fascinating and uniquely American. The son of a U.S. diplomat, Warren spent a portion of his early childhood in Thailand. Raised in a family of Democrats, like many young people in the early 1980s he was inspired by the leadership and conservatism of President Ronald Reagan. His journey took him from being a Republican student leader at the University of Vermont to presidential campaign work and then legislative staff work for Senator Slade Gordon, Representative Linda Smith, and Representative Rick Hill.

But a listing of resume accomplishments, impressive as they are, cannot begin to capture Warren's pure inimitability. With a distinctive laugh that ought to be trademarked and the seeming ability to be in three places at the same time, Warren has sometimes been referred to—only partly in jest—as the “mayor” of Capitol Hill. There are Members of Congress, myself included who would like to have his name recognition. What this speaks to, in a serious vein, is his ability to form personal friendships across any line, his reputation for always being willing to provide help and offer advice, and the fact that he is just a fun person to be around.

As Warren prepares for a new chapter in his career, I know that his delightful wife Emily and his entire family are justifiably proud of his achievements. The great admiration that he has earned from so many in the Capitol Hill community is a reminder that, whatever, the policy and political divisions, Congress is still a place where personal relationships matter. When you treat others with respect, civility, and friendship, it comes back your way many times over.

IT'S TIME FOR RECONCILIATION IN
 SRI LANKA

HON. STEVE CHABOT

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2013

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, May 18th marks the 4th anniversary of the end of a brutal 26 year civil war in Sri Lanka—a war which claimed tens of thousands of lives and cost the Sri Lankan economy billions of dollars.

Four years later, many in Sri Lanka still suffer from the lingering effects of that war. Many have not been able to return to their homes. Land mines are still being cleared, and minority Tamils have yet to be fully integrated into local affairs.

It is my hope, and the hope of most Sri Lankans, I believe, that political reconciliation can finally come to Sri Lanka and that the battle-scarred nation can enter a new era where former combatants live in harmony. But that reconciliation can only come if a legitimate mechanism for reconciliation and accountability is established. True reconciliation, Mr. Speaker, will come not from government edict but from the establishment of an equal justice system with full respect for the rule of law.

OLD TOWN SPRING

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, May 17, 2013

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, driving around Houston, there's an endless amount of things that you can do. You can take in an Astros game, visit some of the best museums in the world, or if you're feeling a bit adventurous, kayak Buffalo Bayou. But, if sometimes you just need to get away from the big city life, Old Town Spring is an excellent option.

At one time, Old Town Spring played a vital role in Texas. It was first settled by the Orcoquisas Indians, who depended on the abundant resources they found there. Then, Spanish and French traders arrived. They too recognized the importance of the region and established trading posts that worked closely with the natives.

In 1836, Texas won its independence from Mexico. With this independence came droves of new colonists seeking to make a living in the wide open spaces of Texas. This influx of colonists led to the city of Houston being founded in 1836, just months after independence. Ten years later, the great Republic of Texas became the 28th State of these United States.

The entrance of Texas into the Union brought even more people to the City of Houston and the surrounding regions, such as Spring. This flood of people only increased in the 1870's when railroad tracks were laid, connecting Houston to the rest of the United States. It was at this time that Spring, Texas got its name. Railroad workers building the line to Houston arrived in the area at the end of an extremely harsh winter. In their excitement at the end of winter, they dubbed their new home Camp Spring. Luckily for us, the “camp” part was dropped in 1873 when an official settlement for railroad workers was established by the I.&G.N. Railroad. A bustling railroad town was born.

For the next 50 years, Spring continued to grow. In 1901, it became a crossroads for two railways. As a major railroad switchyard, Spring began to attract businesses of all sorts. Unfortunately, this attraction soon faded when the town was dealt a series of devastating blows. In 1923 the railroad moved its headquarters from Spring to Houston. This move forced local businesses to move or close their doors. Those that stayed were soon put out of business by the Great Depression.

After years of quiet, businesses slowly started coming back to the town in the 1960's with the oil boom in Houston. Through growth and investment the area began to resemble itself once again. Since 1980, one section of Spring, Old Town Spring, has been very popular. It is continually voted as one of the top attractions in Texas every year. Through its Victorian style buildings and turn of the century feel, Old Town Spring harkens back to the days when the railroad dominated the landscape of the west.

Today, Old Town Spring features hundreds of mom and pop shops and restaurants, which provide great places to shop for antiques or simply to bathe in the nostalgia of times past. These small businesses exude a sense of family and tradition that wouldn't be possible without them. Thus, Old Town Spring stands